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References FR2678508A1, EP0579523A1, and DE4303181A1 are not in the English language, but these reference were cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of this English language search report, indicating the degree of relevance determined by the foreign patent office is submitted herewith.


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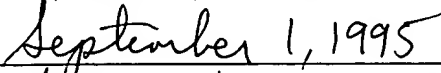
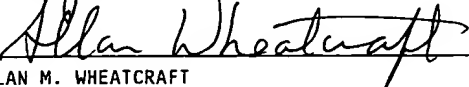

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